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TWO-THIRDS OF VOTERS SUPPORT MEDICAL CANNABIS IN HOUSE DISTRICT 17

90 Percent of Supporters in Sevier and Jefferson Counties Identify as Republicans or Unaffiliated

NASHVILLE – A March 8 survey of House District 17 constituents who voted in the 2016 election shows 67 percent support Tennessee patients having access to medical cannabis.

House District 17 encompasses portions of Sevier and Jefferson counties, and the results are especially significant because 90 percent of the voters supporting medical cannabis identify as Republicans or Unaffiliated.

The results also validate previous [polling](#) that shows overwhelming support across the state for safe patient access to medical cannabis.

“Two-thirds of the U.S. has access to medical cannabis but not Tennesseans. Of Tennessee’s border states, Arkansas patients already have access, and Virginia’s legislature just sent a bill to the governor’s desk for signature. Kentucky’s governor has signaled his support,” Glenn Anderson, TMCTA executive director, said. “The [Medical Cannabis Only Act](#) (MCO) provides industry oversight and safe patient access with law enforcement at the table and the right for municipalities to opt out. Now is the time for a medically responsible solution to help our sickest residents and prevent law-abiding Tennesseans from turning to the black market for relief.”

In addition, a Pew Research Center national survey in 2016 found 69 percent of police officers backing medical cannabis.

The MCO bill is scheduled to go before the House Criminal Justice Committee Wednesday, March 14 at 12 p.m. CDT.

About TMCTA

The TMCTA is the leading group of business entrepreneurs, researchers and patient advocates supporting the Medical Cannabis Only Act in the state legislature this year. For more on the effort in Tennessee to make medical cannabis an option for those with debilitating health conditions, go to tnmedicalcannabisonly.org.

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